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MISTY & FRIEND enjoy spring thaw along South Main St. Misty is the pup, the friend is Mary Leonard.

[Greg Derr photo]

Of Candy. . . . And Quilts

By Joanne Young

Flavors of grape, lemon, lime, peppermint, cinnamon, orange, clove anise and butter rum drifted from the kitchen of the Beechwood Congregational Church on a recent snowy February evening.

We had gathered for the making of the famous Beach Glass candy. The candy is boiled to the hard cracked stage and flavored one batch at at time, the base always the same, the flavor added at the last minute.

Nine times the pot boils and nine times the candy is poured onto a cookie sheet liberally dusted with confectioner's sugar. It hardens quickly and is cut in 1/4 inch strips, then snipped into tiny pieces to give a cushion effect. Each batch is sifted and placed in a large pan then all are mixed together and resifted. Each flavor takes 20 minutes to complete and the entire process about three hours.

On this evening, lollipops were also made in metal full mold shapes of trains, horses, dogs, bears and hens. The newer half molds are plastic and flat on one side. The old molds create a full form and are more fun to eat.

Toward the end of the candymaking the pace became hectic and there was little time to taste test for May Merritt, Janice Turner, Janice Sargent, Marion [turn to page 3]

Plans To Retire At 65

Chief Feola Will Return To Work

By Judith Epstein

Police Chief Randolph Feola notified Selectmen last week that he plans to return to work March 6.

Two weeks ago, Selectmen wrote a letter to Feola in Florida, where he has been vacationing since Feb. 2, requesting his intentions concerning the Police Department — that is, when and how he intends to retire.

Vagueness and uncertainty which currently surrounds the Chief's status, Selectmen stated, not only interferes with the management and planning of the Selectmen's office but with the Police Department as well.

Selectmen noted that the Chief had indicated at various times his intention to retire from the department prior to the mandatory retirement age. But at other times he had specifically said he planned to retire on a medical disability. Selectmen were particularly distressed with the Chief's latest report on his physical condition.

Before Feola left for vacation, he told Selectmen that he had fallen while checking a burglar alarm and was unable to walk a distance without a cane. This condition raised substantial questions Selectmen said, as to whether or not the Chief's continued services as a police officer was a healthy prospect for him and the townspeople.

Selectmen further stated in their letter that they stand ready, under Chapter 32 of the General Laws, to appoint a medical panel to determine if Feola's injuries were sustained in the line of duty and if they are permanent and disabling. It was suggested to

Feola that he base his retirement can his years of service, which although not yet confirmed with the Norfolk County Retirement Board, would entitle him to 80 per cent of his current salary as retirement compensation. Retiring under disability, Selectmen said, as they understood the law. yields 72 per cent compensation.

Feola's response was received late last week. He said that his intention was to retire on July 28, 1980 when he became 65 years old and that at no time had he expressed a desire to retire on a medical disability.

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Skippers Win Tourney Opener

Mark Goff came off the bench in the second quarter Tuesday night and detonated a Cohasset bombardment that carried the Skippers to a 75-51 win over Diman Voc. in the first round of the State Division III Basketball tournament.

The Cohasset explosion blew Diman out of the tournament and landed the Skippers in a quarter final game with Martha's Vineyard on Friday night at 7 in Middleboro.

Cohasset & Hull Seek Joint Cleanup Of Pollution-Ridden Straits Pond

Straits Pond may be headed for a much needed and long awaited cleaning.

Selectmen voted last week to ask townspeople for a \$5,000 appropriation for Cohasset's share of a project to control vegetation and insects in the pond.

Avsholam Beni, Hull Disaster Relief Coordinator, informed Selectmen that he and Health Board members Christopher McCabe of Hull and Kevin O'Brien of Cohasset, have filed a preliminary application for the study with the Department of Environmental Engineering (DEQE).

Technical assistance was needed, Beni said, for completion of the final application from DEQE. Tibbetts Engineering Corp. of New Bedford was consulted to help evaluate the pond's problems and estimated that \$10,000 was needed to complete the study, 25% of the cost of the study.

Beni had been told by the Hull Advisory Board to go to the Selectmen of both towns to see if the cost could be shared — as Straits Pond lies between

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GOOD WEATHER also brought out the bikers and making the most of the comparatively balmly temperatures were, from left, the Reed boys — Billy, John and Steve. [Greg Derr photo]